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In my opinion the US DOJ settlement with Microsoft is NOT in the best interest of consumers nor businesses.

Microsoft has repeatedly violated anti-trust regulations, and shown disdain for previous settlements (the 1994 consent decree, for example.) Their monopoly power has allowed Microsoft to sell inferior products with little concern for the numerous software "bugs" or security holes that users of said software must deal with.

A stern, well enforced penalty against Microsoft (such as publishing source code for Windows APIs and Office Suite specifications) is the best way to punish a monopolistic company and benefit software users with more choices and better innovation (through the competitive marketplace.)

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